Supply of power by DVC through PTC

1873. SHRI VAYALAR RAVI: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No.4910 given in the Rajya Sabha on 7.5.2003 and state:

(a) whether in 2002-2003, DVC has started exporting power through Power Trading Corporation to the Northern, Western and Southern regions of the country;

(b) if so, to what extent DVC has agreed to supply power to these States during 2003-2004; and

(c) what are the main DVC's projects at present for implementation and their status?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Damodar Valley Corporation (DVC) entered into Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on 29.05.2003 with Power Trading Corporation (PTC) for supply of upto 100 MW peak power (6 hours) and upto 300 MW off-peak power (18 hours) to the States of Northern, Western and Southern Regions during 2003-2004.

(c) At present, the project *viz.* Mejia TPS Extn. Unit No. 4 (1x210 MW) located at District Bankura, West Bengal is under implementation. The unit is scheduled for commissioning by September, 2004.

T & D Losses

†1874. SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:
SHRI LAJPAT RAI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Transmission and Distribution losses of electricity are very high in the country;

(b) if so, the estimated loss in 2003;

(c) whether this loss may be reduced by eliminating technical faults; and

(d) if so, the percentage of loss that can be reduced through it and the total amount that will be needed for this purpose?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Yes, Sir. As per Central Electricity Authority the total Transmission and Distribution (T&D) loss in the country for the year 2000-01 was about 32.86%. The estimates of T&D losses for the year 2002-03 have not been compiled. The T&D loss can be reduced by bringing improvement in Sub-Transmission and Distribution network. Approximately 7.5% of transmission and distribution losses can be brought down by improvement in sub-transmission and distribution system. The upgradation of sub-transmission and distribution network for all the circles in the country will require approximately Rs.40,000 crores.

Measures to meet power crises in Madhya Pradesh

†1875. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:
SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that as a result of the creation of Chhattisgarh State, Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board is facing a period of crisis due to the difference in demand and supply; and

(b) the steps being taken to increase power generation from the undertaking of the Central Government to ensure maximum power generation from the power generation houses of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) Consequent to reorganization of the erstwhile Madhya Pradesh, in November, 2000 Madhya Pradesh State Electricity Board (MPSEB) and Chhattisgarh State Electricity Board (CSEB) were formed. The power supply position of Madhya Pradesh (before and after creation of Chhattisgarh) and Chhattisgarh is as under:

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